

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**  
**ABSTRACT**

Public Servants - V&E Reports – Drawing of mobilization and equipment advances by misinterpreting of agreement clause in two works taken up by the Irrigation & Command Area Development Department under EPC Packages in Karimnagar District - Disciplinary action initiated against Sri M. Hanumanthappa, PAO (Retd.) – Imposition of a penalty of withholding 2% of his monthly pension permanently on Sri M. Hanumanthappa, Pay and Accounts Officer (Retired) in terms of Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 – Orders - Issued.

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**FINANCE (WA.II) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O. Ms. No. 349**

**Dated: 24-12-2013.**

**Read the following:-**

1. G.O. Rt. No. 330, I&CAD (Ser.VII (V&E) A.I) Department, dated 11.04.2011.
2. Sri M. Hanumanthappa, PAO (Retd) written statement of defence, dated 27.05.2011.
3. G.O. Rt No. 1251, I&CAD (Ser.VII.(V&E)A.I) Department, dated 14.12.2011.
4. I&CAD Department Memo No. 29459/Ser.VII (V&E) A.I/2010-4, dated 04.06.2012.
5. Explanation from Sri M. Hanumanthappa, PAO(Retd), dated 07.07.2012.
6. I&CAD Department Memo No. 29459/Ser.VII (V&E.1)2010-9, dated 04.01.2013.
7. Explanation from Sri M. Hanumanthappa, PAO (Retd), dated 18.01.2013.
8. U.O. Note No. 29459/Ser.VII(V&E)A1/2010-14, dated 23-07-2013 of I&CAD) Department.

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**ORDER:**

Sri M.Hanumanthappa while working as APAO (additional charge) LMD Colony, Karimnagar now PAO (Retd.) has made payment to the contractor without observing the agreement clause 9 of GCC i.e. payment of Insurance Policy premium in full at the time of the work.

2. In the G.O. 1<sup>st</sup> read above, the I&CAD Department have initiated departmental proceedings and framed article of charges against Sri M. Hanumanthappa, the then APAO (additional charge) LMD Colony, Karimnagar now PAO (Retd.). In the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> read above the charged officer submitted his written statement of defence.

3. The Irrigation & CAD Department, after careful consideration of the defence statements of the Charged Officers involved in the case considered that an Inquiring Authority should be appointed to inquire into the charges framed against the Charged Officers viz. Sri M. Ramulu, SE (Retd), Sri K. Srinath, the then Executive Engineer now Superintending Engineer, Sri V. Rajeshwara Rao, Executive Engineer (Retd.) and Sri M. Hanumanthappa, PAO (Retd.) and accordingly appointed Sri Lingaraj Panigrahi, I.A.S., Member, Commissioner of Inquiries, General Administration Department as Inquiring Authority to inquire into the charges framed against the said officers.

4. Sri Lingaraj Panigrahi, I.A.S., Member, Commissioner of Inquiries, General Administration Department, Inquiry Authority has conducted inquiry and submitted his Inquiry Report. In respect of Sri M. Hanumanthappa, PAO (Retd.), the Inquiry Authority has stated that:

**“A single charge has been framed against Sri M. Hanumanthappa, PAO (Retd) (CO.4) that he has made payment to the contractor without observing the agreement clause 9 of GCC i.e. payment of insurance policy premium in full for one time of the work. I have already discussed that**

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**from the documents furnished by the disciplinary authority, it is very clear that the insurance premium was paid in 3 installments instead of one time as per Clause 9 of the GCC. The Charged Officer in his explanation has thrown the blame on the other Charged Officers i.e. Superintendent Engineer and Executive Engineers stating that once the bill is submitted the payment cannot be delayed or denied. There is no force in this submission. The responsibility of Accounts Officer before payment is to ensure the bill is raised properly after completion of all formalities. He being the payment authority cannot throw blame on the other Executives and escape from this responsibility. The charge against him is established.”**

5. The Irrigation & CAD Department, vide reference 4<sup>th</sup> read above, communicated a copy of the inquiry report to Sri M. Hanumanthappa, PAO (Retd.) with a direction to submit his explanation on findings of the Inquiry Authority. The charged officer has submitted his explanation vide reference 5<sup>th</sup> read above.

6. Government, after careful consideration of the inquiry report and the explanation submitted by Sri M. Hanumanthappa, PAO (Retd.) has taken a provisional decision to impose a penalty of withholding 2% of monthly pension permanently on him under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 and intimated the same to him vide reference 6<sup>th</sup> read above. The charged officer furnished his explanation in the reference 7<sup>th</sup> read above wherein he has requested to drop the proposed punishment without any fresh grounds for consideration.

7. The Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad was addressed to place the above proposal of the Government before the Commission and communicate the concurrence of the Commission. In turn, the Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission in her letter dated 03.07.2013 has informed that the Commission agreed with the proposal of the Government for imposition of a penalty of withholding of 2% in pension permanently against Sri M. Hanumanthappa, PAO (Retd.).

8. Government, after careful consideration of the matter hereby impose a penalty of withholding 2% of monthly pension permanently against Sri M. Hanumanthappa, Pay and Accounts Officer (Retd.) under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 for the charge proved in the inquiry.

9. The Director of Works and Accounts, A.P., Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

L. PREMACHANDRA REDDY  
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (W&P)

To  
Sri M. Hanumanthappa, the then APAO (W) and  
at present Pay and Accounts Officer (Retired)  
through the Director of Works Accounts, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

The Director of Works Accounts, Hyderabad.

(with a request to serve the copy of to the individual  
and send the served copy to the Government)

The Accountant General, A.P., Hyderabad.

The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.

The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad.

The General Administration (V&E) Department, BRK Buildings, Hyderabad.

The I& CAD(Ser.VII(V&E)A.I) Department.

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